# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# WATER RESOURCES
# LOK SABHA

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REHABILITATION OF AFFECTED PERSONS OF SARDAR SAROVAR PROJECT
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

(a) the number of people affected in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradeshand Gujarat due to execution of Sardar Sarovar Project across Narmada river;

(b) whether the Government have taken effective steps for their suitable rehabilitation; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) As per the information provided to the Narmada Control Authority (NCA) by the respective State Governments the numberof families likely to be affected by submergence at full reservoir level of 138.68 metre of Sardar Sarovar Projectacross Narmada river are as follows:

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| Maharashtra | : | 3221 |
| Madhya Pradesh | : | 33014 |
| Gujarat | : | 4728 |
| Total | : | 40963 |

(b) &(c) The Resettlement & Rehabilitation (R&R) of theProject Affected Families (PAFs) ofthe Sardar SarovarProject is the responsibility of the State Governments of Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat. Each State Governments havemade their own R&R packages which are better than the entitlement of rehabilitation benefits as per the Narmada Water Disputes Tribunal Award. NCA has approved an Action Plan for raising the dam height to full level pari-pasu with the R&R of the PAFs. As per this plan assoon as the R&R of the PAFsare completed to the satisfaction of the monitoring agencies, the NCA will permit the raising of the height of the dam in stages. The Union Ministry of Water Resources andNCAare pursuing the matter with the State Governmentsfor early completion of R&R of PAFs as per the approved actionplan. Further, the State Governments are also pursuing for early completion of the R&R of PAFs upto the full reservoir level of the Sardar Ssrovar dam so as to complete it as early as possible for raising the dam to full height.